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From: Snyder, Raquel
Sent: Monday, October 28, 2013 12:48 PM
To: Maier, Brent
Subject: RE: Cutter Storis

Thank you very much!

Many thanks,

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From: Maier, Brent
Sent: Monday, October 28, 2013 3:22 PM
To: Snyder, Raquel
Subject: RE: Cutter Storis

<http://www.navytimes.com/article/20131024/NEWS03/310240041/>

News article about how the Cutter Storis is being scrapped.

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USCGC_Storis_\(WMEC-38\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USCGC_Storis_(WMEC-38))

Wikipedia listing on Cutter Storis.

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From: Snyder, Raquel
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Hi Brent,

I'd love to listen in on the call-if only for educational purposes. Thank you so much!

Many thanks,

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To: Snyder, Raquel
Subject: RE: Cutter Storis

Raquel –

Looks like our folks are familiar with this issue. Joel Jones who is the Brach Chief for our Enforcement Division's Air, Waste, and Toxics Office has told me that he would be fine with my setting up a call with the Senator's Legislative Assistant. Wanted to see if you also wanted to participate in a call if/when I do set it up. Apparently, what we have learned in some calls this morning from the Coast Guard is that the ship is currently en route to Mexico for scrap, leaving San Diego last Friday. Let me know if you would like to participate in a call that I set up. Thanks.

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From: Snyder, Raquel
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To: Maier, Brent
Subject: FW: Cutter Storis

Hi Brent,

Please see the email below from Senator Begich's office. It concerns the decommissioned Coast Guard Cutter STORIS and plans for her to be towed to Mexico for scrap. The concern is that PCB's may still be present on the ship. Is this issue something R IX is familiar with and would like to handle?

Many thanks,

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From: King, Bob (Begich) [mailto:Bob_King@begich.senate.gov]
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Cc: Rollins, Christopher
Subject: Cutter Storis

Arvin,

I understand the EPA is in contact with Pacific Tugboat company of San Diego regarding the decommissioned Coast Guard Cutter STORIS. The company is towing the WWII vintage cutter to Ensenada, Mexico for scrapping.

We have been provided information that the cutter is not PCB-free as had been previously considered. A 2000 inspection found encapsulated PCBs above 50 ppm were detected in at least two samples of foam insulation. I am told that export of such a contamination is prohibited by Toxic Substances Control Act and the Basel Convention.

Senator Begich has a long standing interest in this vessel. We hope EPA considers this information seriously before determining its disposition.

Can you please inform me of the current status of the STORIS tow and any change in its status.

Thank you,

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